

DATE: April 22, 2005

FROM: Sandra Resnick, Ph.D.

RE: Second Quarterly Report FY 2005; DCHV Program

TO: Domiciliary Chiefs (or designated staff)

1. Enclosed are the results of the monitoring data (Form Z) for your site and the entire DCHV Program. The data includes information on those veterans who were discharged during Fiscal Year 2005 (October 1, 2004 through mail we received as of the end of March 2005).

2. Thanks to all of you who have been sending your monitoring forms in to us regularly, helping to keep our data current. As you know, VHA Headquarters uses the DCHV monitoring data for the VISN Directors performance measures. NEPEC downloads social security numbers, on a quarterly basis, where it is merged with the Austin outpatient and inpatient PTF databases to evaluate whether veterans are receiving VA outpatient health care services within 30 days of being discharged from the DCHV program.

3. As always, we hope that you share this information with your staff and interested VA personnel. Please call or e-mail Sandy Resnick (203-932-5711, x5106) or Sharon Medak (203-932-5711, x4313) if you have any questions.

DCHV PROGRAM MONITORING
April-05
DISCHARGES BY FISCAL YEAR

SITE	FY93	FY94	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	OCT 2004	NOV 2004	DEC 2004	JAN 2005	FEB 2005	MAR 2005	TOTAL FY89-FY05†
ANCHORAGE 463	11	46	46	82	102	141	30	114	142	117	99	75	5	9	3	6	0	0	1,028
AMER LAKE 505	176	192	132	141	138	136	117	66	57	60	64	68	7	2	6	3	5	0	1,901
BAY PINES 516	67	68	50	29	53	61	85	64	79	63	64	44	7	7	2	4	3	1	922
BEDFORD 518	107	95	104	105	121	135	124	99	125	130	142	140	14	4	8	23	7	6	1,711
BILOXI 520	140	100	79	88	150	232	246	221	167	170	190	193	11	10	10	19	10	0	2,500
BROCKTON 525			73	153	148	164	156	149	150	133	134	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,390
BROOKLYN 527	103	108	93	89	115	135	183	167	171	176	192	179	16	15	18	0	0	0	2,028
BUTLER 529	82	70	76	81	82	103	106	115	103	102	103	87	7	4	5	7	0	0	1,295
CANANDAIGUA 532	10	132	116	159	173	288	256	168	24	22	18	39	3	4	2	5	6	0	1,425
CINCINNATI 539	109	105	113	109	114	155	153	149	150	195	211	180	18	15	13	14	4	0	1,962
CLEVELAND 541	123	163	218	240	282	323	306	332	321	298	338	356	26	27	23	29	28	0	3,898
COATESVILLE 542	129	158	149	157	152	153	220	273	364	358	342	376	52	32	32	40	27	0	3,619
DALLAS 549	99	93	94	103	118	129	123	129	133	108	105	103	7	6	2	1	0	0	1,618
DAYTON 552	55	44	42	58	69	62	50	55	55	69	67	93	12	6	6	4	7	0	1,087
DES MOINES 555	49	56	54	49	58	59	75	81	77	90	88	74	8	9	5	6	8	0	846
N CHICAGO 556	169	153	169	181	209	185	160	165	147	151	148	148	11	7	15	7	13	0	2,538
DUBLIN 557	1	50	44	63	79	90	73	82	103	101	93	92	3	9	12	19	8	0	922
HOT SPRINGS 579	111	111	103	108	131	99	101	119	115	93	114	102	5	18	6	14	12	0	1,685
HAMPTON 590	109	116	98	98	73	67	57	58	72	70	56	53	4	2	2	1	0	0	1,148
LITTLE ROCK 598	179	209	184	197	193	172	187	155	187	179	168	173	7	12	22	4	10	9	2,821
LYONS 604	119	153	146	253	281	275	261	279	281	254	244	214	21	20	20	15	14	5	3,283
MARTINSBURG 613	60	57	93	138	151	213	192	152	194	201	213	230	15	19	19	10	0	0	2,084
MONTROSE 620	109	67	144	185	296	303	237	224	236	216	175	159	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,939
MT HOME 621	80	65	90	54	110	88	123	117	94	92	71	83	9	5	5	9	0	0	1,670
PALO ALTO 640	168	162	201	171	149	209	198	199	218	204	222	194	13	15	9	15	18	0	2,920
PERRY POINT 641				47	77	131	118	106	174	202	198	207	21	19	14	11	8	0	1,333
PITTSBURGH 645		58	108	122	202	230	194	180	144	163	155	164	11	14	16	0	0	0	1,761
PORTLAND 648	102	103	65	118	123	119	175	167	193	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,544
PRESCOTT 649	108	187	185	103	128	106	238	224	195	157	183	286	17	15	21	20	11	6	2,419
ST. LOUIS 657			1	124	160	162	139	121	122	131	118	111	10	9	10	11	15	0	1,244
TUSKEGEE 680				7	89	136	185	124	107	127	97	110	12	11	0	8	0	0	1,013
LEAVENWTH 686	63	47	58	56	60	348	423	398	355	350	369	415	32	45	18	38	47	0	3,420
WEST LA 691	129	142	148	164	219	198	198	210	211	209	220	254	23	32	30	24	18	0	2,785
WHITE CITY 692	135	90	95	109	109	68	0	155	159	48	51	46	6	4	4	3	3	0	1,595
MILWAUKEE 695	95	71	76	63	68	65	79	98	134	72	108	100	6	7	9	3	7	7	1,369
ALL SITES	2,997	3,271	3,447	4,004	4,782	5,540	5,568	5,515	5,559	5,160	5,160	5,278	419	413	367	373	289	34	67,723

†Columns for fiscal years 1989-1992 have been hidden to fit current monthly data.

DCHV DATA SUMMARY FOR FY05

Apr-05

(n=1895)

ADMISSION CHARACTERISTICS	
SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS	
Age (years)	
Mean	47.8
S.D.	8.0
Gender	
Males	95.8%
Females	4.2%
Ethnicity	
White	46.3%
African American	48.7%
Hispanic	3.4%
Other	1.6%
Marital status	
Married	5.1%
Separated, widowed or divorced	67.3%
Never married	27.6%
Public financial support	
SC psychiatric	4.2%
SC other	12.4%
NSC pension	6.5%
Non-VA disability	7.4%
Other public support	5.5%
Mode of program contact	
Outreach initiated by VA staff	13.7%
Referred by non-VA homeless program	2.6%
Referred by VAMC inpatient program	39.8%
Referred by VAMC outpatient program/Vet Center	14.1%
Self-referred	23.9%
Referred by VA HCMI program	2.5%
Other	3.5%

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ADMISSION CHARACTERISTICS

MILITARY HISTORY

Service Era	
WWII Era	0.1%
Between WWII and Korean Eras	0.0%
Korean Era	0.5%
Between Korean and Vietnam Eras	1.4%
Vietnam Era	40.1%
Post-Vietnam Era	58.0%
Received friendly or hostile fire in a combat zone	15.5%
POW	0.2%

RESIDENTIAL HISTORY

Length of time homeless:	
At risk for homelessness	5.2%
< 1 month	19.6%
1 - 6 months	38.3%
6 months < 1 year	15.7%
1 year < 2 years	7.6%
2 years or more	13.2%
Unknown	0.4%
Spent at least one night outdoors or in a shelter during the 30 days prior to admission	52.1%
Where veteran usually slept during the 30 days prior to admission	
shelter/outdoors	30.4%
intermittently with family	24.2%
institution	29.7%
residential program tx program	5.2%
own apartment	7.8%
other	2.7%

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ADMISSION CHARACTERISTICS

SELF-REPORTED HEALTH HISTORY

Veteran perceives s/he has:	
serious medical problem	49.6%
alcohol problem	45.8%
alcohol problem past	76.9%
drug problem	43.4%
drug problem past	69.7%
emotional problem now	54.2%
Ever hospitalized for:	
alcoholism	68.5%
drug dependency	63.1%
psychiatric problem	38.1%
Prior admission to a domiciliary?	41.3%
Used VA medical/psychiatric services during the six months prior to admission	77.2%

EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME HISTORIES

Days worked for pay during month prior to admission:	
none	88.7%
1-19 days	9.0%
> 19 days	2.5%
Usual employment pattern during three years prior to admission:	
full-time	43.0%
part-time regular	7.9%
part-time irregular/day work	16.4%
unemployed	18.9%
retired/disabled	13.3%
student	0.3%
service	0.1%
Income received in the 30 days prior to admission:	
No income received	52.9%
\$1 - \$49	5.7%
\$50 - \$99	5.1%
\$100 - \$499	14.7%
\$500 - \$999	15.5%
More than \$1000	6.2%

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DISCHARGE STATUS	
DIAGNOSES	
Psychiatric Diagnoses:	
Alcohol dependency/abuse	79.5%
Drug dependency abuse	71.4%
Schizophrenia	4.3%
Other psychotic disorder	3.4%
Anxiety disorder	10.4%
Organic Brain Syndrome	0.8%
Affective disorder	30.9%
Bipolar disorder	10.1%
Adjustment disorder	15.5%
PTSD from combat	7.8%
Personality disorder	13.7%
Other psychiatric disorder	13.3%
Serious mental illness†	49.1%
Dually diagnosed††	45.0%
Selected Medical Diagnoses:	
Oral/dental pathology	29.0%
Eye disorder	7.4%
Hypertension	26.7%
Peripheral vascular disease	2.7%
Cardiac disease	8.2%
COPD	7.8%
Tuberculosis	2.1%
Gastrointestinal disease	13.1%
Liver disease	20.9%
Diabetes	9.7%
Seizure disorder	2.4%
Dementia	0.2%
Other Neurological Disease	3.3%
Anemia	2.6%
Orthopedic problems	30.9%
Malignancy	1.6%
Significant Skin Disorder	5.5%
Sexually Transmitted Disease	2.8%
Significant Trauma	2.3%
Other medical diagnosis	43.3%

†Serious mental illness is defined as having a psychiatric diagnosis that falls into one of the following categories: schizophrenia; other psychotic disorder; mood disorders; and PTSD.

††Dually diagnosed is defined as having a substance abuse disorder and a serious mental illness.

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DISCHARGE STATUS

Length of Stay (days)	
Mean	110.9
S.D.	73.7
Length of Stay	
< 8 days	2.7%
8-28 days	8.4%
29-60 days	13.5%
61-90 days	16.6%
91-180 days	44.7%
> 180 days	14.1%
Disposition at discharge	
Successfully completed all components	50.8%
Successfully completed some components	20.5%
Asked to leave	12.6%
Left by choice	11.0%
Transferred to other tx program	2.8%
Incarcerated	0.8%
Other	1.5%
Veteran's overall participation	
Did not participate actively	2.9%
Severe psychiatric problems impeded participation	1.0%
Substance abuse behavior impeded participation	7.5%
Severe medical problems impeded participation	1.0%
Undermined his/her own efforts	14.2%
Made use of program	31.4%
Made optimal use of program	41.1%
Other	1.0%
Living situation at discharge	
Shelter/outdoors	5.9%
HWH/transitional program	15.4%
Institution	4.0%
Own apartment or room	38.2%
Apartment of family or friend	23.3%
Left without indicating	8.2%
Another domiciliary program	2.6%
Other	2.4%

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DISCHARGE STATUS

Employment situation at discharge	
Disabled/retired	18.1%
Unemployed	18.3%
Part-time employment	5.0%
Full-time employment	34.6%
Vocational training	1.3%
VA's IWT/CWT	12.0%
Student	0.9%
Other	2.1%
Employment status unknown	7.5%

CLINICAL IMPROVEMENT DURING DCHV STAY†††

Personal hygiene	88.7%
Alcohol problems	88.6%
Drug problems	87.4%
Psychotic symptoms	82.8%
Mental health problems††††	85.8%
Medical problems	91.6%
Relationships with family/friends	81.6%
Employment/vocational situation	70.1%
Housing situation	79.3%
Financial status	80.1%

††† Improvement is noted for only those veterans with problems in that area.

†††† Mental health problems other than psychosis.